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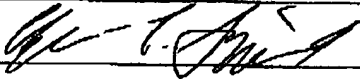
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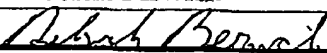
TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/620,324	
	Filing Date	July 14, 2003	
	First Named Inventor	Robert Charles Downs	
	Group Art Unit	3652	
	Examiner Name	Douglas A. Hess	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	13	Attorney Docket Number	36-000410US

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Firm or Individual name	Christopher C. Sappenfield, Reg. No. 45,073, Quine Intellectual Property Law Group P.C.		
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Date	March 17, 2005		

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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005		Application Number	10/620,324
		Filing Date	July 14, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Robert Charles Downs
		Examiner Name	Douglas A. Hess
		Art Unit	3652
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Attorney Docket No.	36-000410US
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)		1020.00	

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
Total Claims		
Extra Claims		
Fee (\$)		
Fee Paid (\$)		
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.		
Indep. Claims		
Extra Claims		
Fee (\$)		
Fee Paid (\$)		
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 27 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee Paid (\$)
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	Fees Paid (\$)
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge):	
Other: Petition for Extension of Time (3 months)	1020.00
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Signature		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	45,073
Name (Print/Type)	Christopher C. Sappenfield	Telephone	510-769-3520
		Date	March 17, 2005

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 36-000410US	
In re Application of Robert Charles Downs, et al.			
Application Number: 10/620,324		Filed: July 14, 2003	
For GRIPPING MECHANISMS, APPARATUS, AND METHODS			
Group Art Unit 3652		Examiner Douglas A. Hess	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/>	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120
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☐ Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27, therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____.

A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27:

☐ is enclosed.

☐ has already been filed in this application.

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0893.

I am the ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest.


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☒ attorney or agent of record.

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a)
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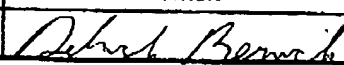
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